

Town of Edgecomb

Comprehensive Plan Task Force Committee Report - July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

During this year, the Task Force met monthly then switched to biweekly meetings/work sessions to redouble their efforts to send a completed Comprehensive Plan to town voters for their approval at the May 2009 Town Meeting.

Having gathered data through research, town wide survey, focus groups and a few outside sources over the past three years, the committee now turned their focus to developing policies and strategies for the actual plan. Foremost in the minds of each Task Force member was town wide interest in keeping the character of Edgecomb in tact. At the same time, the committee was well aware of the necessity and challenges of respecting the State's new requirements regarding economic development, public facilities, housing resources, critical natural resources, water resources, marine resources, agricultural resources, historic and archaeological resources, recreational resources, traffic and future land use.

As work progressed, the committee held three Public Forums Sept. 22, Oct. 9 and 20, both to inform the town's people about progress on the plan and to garner town input on various sections of the plan. These forums were well attended and brought constructive suggestions as well as affirmation of the direction the Comprehensive Plan was taking.

Committee work through the winter was intense, then, with extraordinary efforts by Sue Carlson and Jackie Lowell, a final document was produced for an Informational Meeting, March 5, 2009 and a Public Hearing, March 21, 2009. On May 14, with Comprehensive Plan's brilliant graphics, informative charts and meaningful text displayed around the room, Town Meeting passed the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. The town's blueprint for the next 25 years was in place to assure Edgecomb's careful maintenance and thoughtful development.

Edgecomb's Comprehensive Plan was sent on July 7, 2009 to the State of Maine to begin the long and arduous process to gain state approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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